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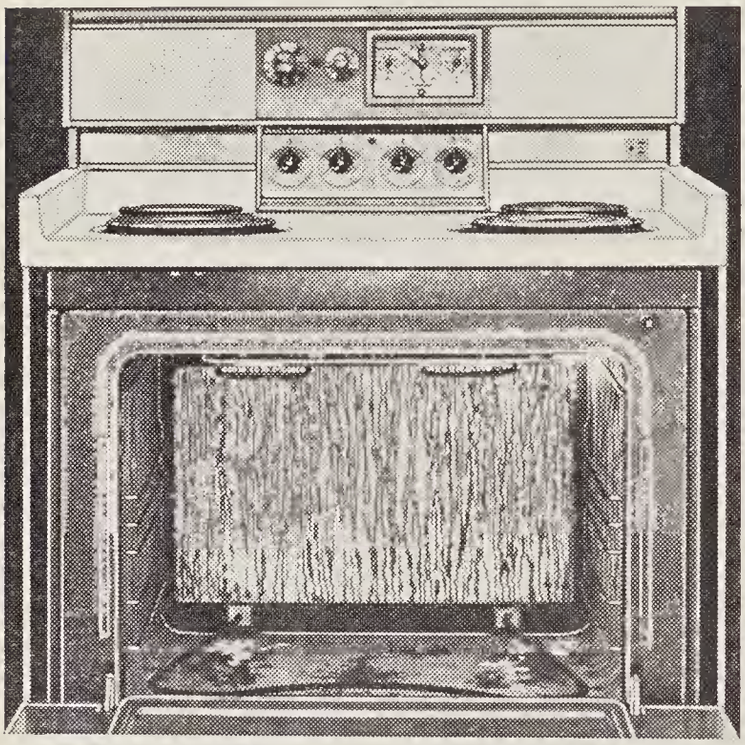

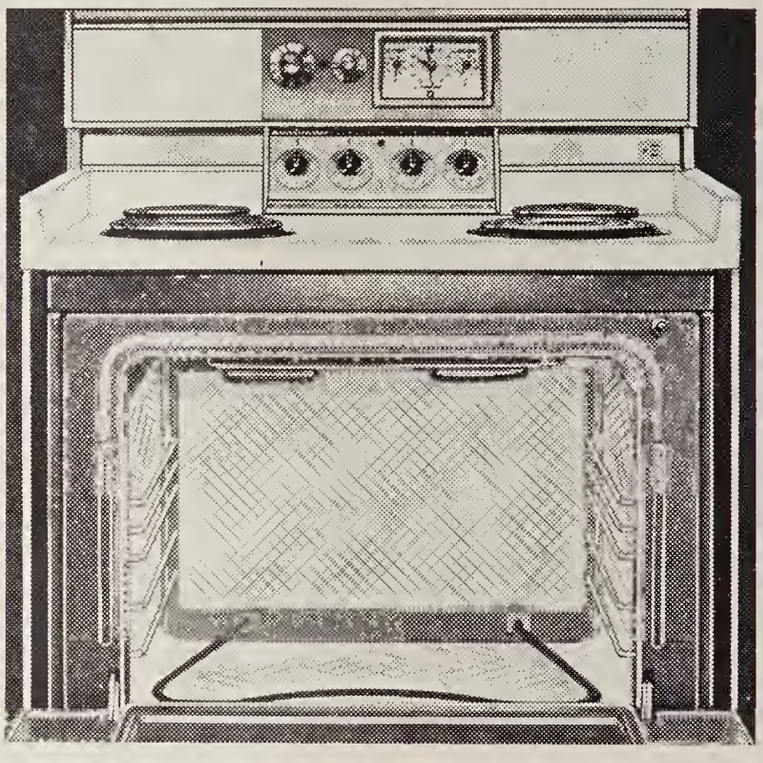

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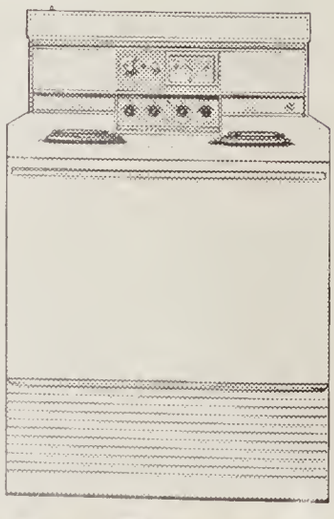

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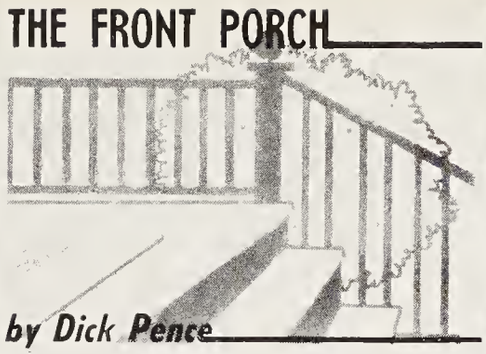

by Dick Pence

Who's got a light?

THE NATION received a jolting lesson on the importance of electric power last month. It also was reminded that it takes more than public relations to keep the lights on.

For years the private power companies have been telling us they are "ready, willing and able" to meet any power contingency. They brag about their interconnections and their expansion plans. Their advertisements assure us that the power business is in fine shape. And it will be, they tell us, as long as the nasty old federal government is made to keep its hands off.

The blackout in the Northeast caught old Ready, Willing and Able with his interconnections showing. But don't look the wrong way. Instead of condemning power pooling, we need to look toward ways of strengthening it.

Representatives of rural electrics have been advocating a national system of power grids for years. Some power experts say that the blackout might have been avoided had such a system been in operation. Power from TVA or even the Northwest could have prevented the shutdown.

But the private power companies have fought a national system—especially if it means involving electric co-ops or federal power. They know that so-called "Giant Power" would mean that Congress would want to do some checking. It would want to insure that all power systems—including co-ops and municipals—would benefit. It would want to insure that the system was properly planned for emergencies. It would want to make sure that the system was the most economical.

But we really don't need all that, say the private companies. All we need to do is let Old Ready have the bit and everything will be dandy.

Read from a recent power company ad to see how rosy things are: "In other countries such a huge undertaking might have been done through government direction and government spending. But that is not the American way, and there is no need for that here.

"America's investor-owned electric light and power companies, through their many years of work on high-voltage transmission and interconnection, and by their plans for the future, have proved that it doesn't necessarily take an act of Congress to get the big jobs done."

The night the lights went out may have proved that it does. The big job is more than interconnecting the nation's private power companies. It is interconnecting *all* systems in a way that makes sure that the national security and welfare are adequately protected.

It *is*, in fact, "the American way" to use government spending and government direction when and where it is needed. A reliable national system of power interconnections is one of those instances.

THANKS

■ Will you please pardon my delay in writing to thank you for the article on us in THE CAROLINA FARMER. We all thought it was real good and nicely composed.

We would like to have a dozen copies of this October issue.

Thanks again and with kind regards.

James G. Exum
President
Happy Jack, Inc.
Greenville

FAVORITES

■ I have just completed the reading of the October issue of THE CAROLINA FARMER. There are several good articles, but your story under The Front Porch was the best. All I can add is—"Ain't it the truth." I believe your UGH roads are my favorite.

Bernie Morton
Morehead City

HUNTING

■ First let me say I enjoy reading THE CAROLINA FARMER very much as it is another way of keeping up with what's going on in Carolina. But while reading the paper I came across an article about the hunting preserve in Davidson County and was glad to hear that a preserve had been set up near me. It seems to me more of these preserves will be needed as time goes on. Thanks for the coverage of this.

P. Ellis Almond
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DON'T LUG IT! LET IT RIDE!

"Don't lug it! Let it ride!" is the theme of the North Carolina Farm Materials Handling Exposition. The exposition will be held in William Neal Reynolds Coliseum at Raleigh on Jan. 19 and 20, 1966.

This show, the largest of its kind ever held in eastern United States, is sponsored by all the electric power suppliers in the state and North Carolina State University.

Major manufacturers of materials handling equipment from as far away as California will bring their equipment into Raleigh to show to North Carolina farmers.

Whether your business is dairying, hog production, beef cattle production, broiler production or egg production, you owe it to yourself and to your business, whether large or small, to attend this show. Even if you're in none of these businesses and only have grain to move occasionally, you'll benefit from this show.

Representatives with the various companies can show you where mechanization can reduce costly hand labor and increase the number of animals you can handle. They want you to bring your questions and they are prepared to provide you with answers.

We anticipate a tremendous number of farmers to attend this show but there's plenty of room. There's acres and acres of free parking and the exposition is, of course, free.

Several of the electric cooperatives and other groups are making plans to charter buses to and from Raleigh on one or both days of the exposition. So before you arrange for your own transportation, you might check with your own electric cooperative to see if this is being done.

Don't fail to mark the dates of the show on your calendar now. Your attendance during one of these days might very well be the most profitable and productive day you'll have in 1966.

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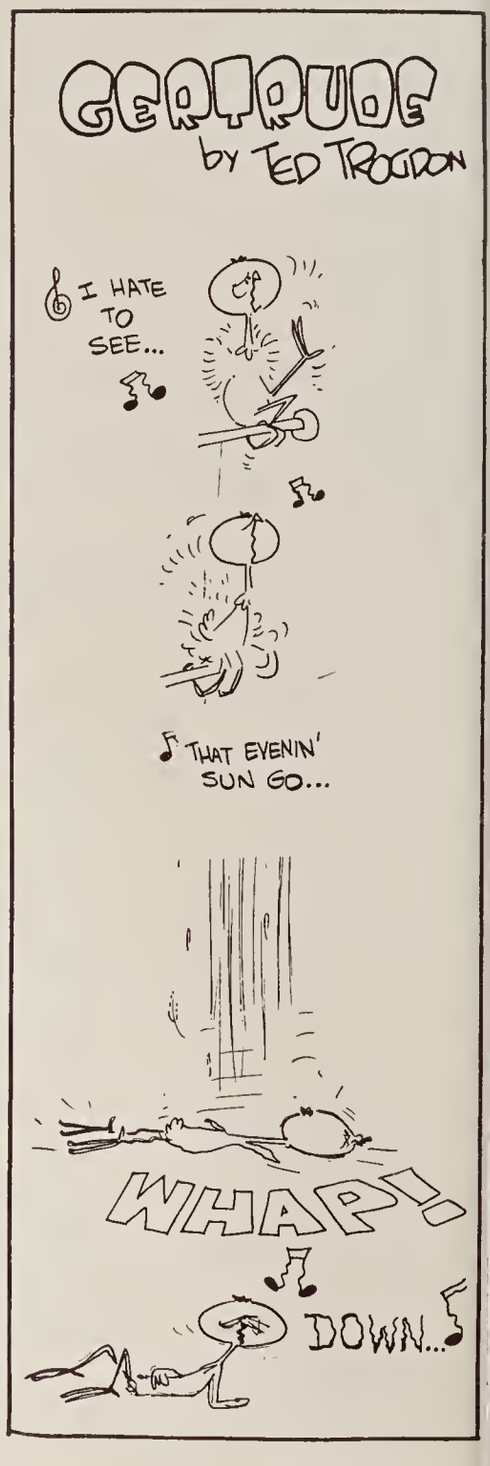

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The Big Blackout

It's more than a bit ironic that the biggest power blackout in the nation's history occurred in the Northeast. That's where the private power lobbyists have been most successful in keeping federal power development at arm's length.

In fact, it wasn't until the last session of Congress that the area became "tainted" with the prospect of a federal hydro-electric dam. Congress took a look at the area, and this is what it saw:

- The highest power rates in the nation,
- No federal yardstick dam anywhere close,
- Power companies running things the way they wanted to.

So at last—after a hard-fought battle—the Northeast will have a federal yardstick against which the power company rates can be measured. That's something the rest of the nation has been benefiting from for years.

And the new development on the St. Johns River in Maine will give the area something else in the bargain: a big block of additional power.

Of course, the power lobbyists from the Northeast say the area doesn't need any more power. They may have a hard time convincing Congress that's the case after the big blackout.

Herbert Bonner

Rural people everywhere lost a friend with the passing of Congressman Herbert Bonner. He kept in close touch with the people of his district. He knew their thoughts, and, just as important, the people knew his. No one ever had to ask him where he stood.

At his death, his voting record on matters affecting rural electrification was among the best. Among the many things for which he will be remembered was his willingness to fight to see that power from Kerr Dam was made available to the cooperatives of North Carolina.

Herbert Bonner was a man you could depend on.

TARHEEL RURAL LINES

reports on events of importance to rural electric co-op members/by J. C. Brown Jr.

Governor Moore's Unique Contribution

THE REGION I meeting of National Rural Electric Cooperative Association last month adopted a resolution praising Governor Dan Moore for his part in obtaining a legislative solution to utility territorial problems. It was a timely resolution. The law directs the N. C. Utilities Commission to begin assigning territories between cooperatives and power companies next month.

Governor Moore made a monumental contribution to North Carolina in bringing together two bitter adversaries of the electric industry. How history will finally judge his service to electric consumers depends now upon the Utilities Commission. If the Commission exercises its new duties in the same spirit of fairness which Governor Moore insisted upon when the law was created, history may honor him more for his role in the 1965 utilities law than any other single thing.

The Governor was in a unique position to help resolve the territorial battles between the power companies and the cooperatives following the general election. He had obtained much of his support from the power companies, and they had confidence in him. The new Governor also had prominent supporters among rural electric cooperative members. On the eve of his inauguration, he invited representatives of power companies and cooperatives to meet and try to determine whether our territorial differences could not be resolved without another battle in the General Assembly.

At times during that meeting, it appeared that the gap between us was too great to justify additional meetings; but Governor Moore, with quiet persuasion, kept communications open. The decision made that day was that it would be worthwhile to meet again. Out of this decision eventually came agreement on certain principles and then a bill which was ultimately adopted by the General Assembly.

Governor Moore never once dictated, or suggested, what the nature of the agreement should be. He asked only that it be fair to both sides, and most of all to the general public. When we had reached agreement, and he had satisfied himself that it met the third and most important requirement, he then lent his prestige and talents to enactment.

We think it is a good law. We agreed to it with full knowledge of an inescapable danger—the fact that those who administer the law can make it fair or unfair. We believe it to be Governor Moore's opinion that there not only is room for consumer-owned and investor-owned electric industries in North Carolina, but both are necessary for the best and cheapest electric service. The Utilities Commission can, and should, make such assignments of territory as to insure the survival of both. That was the intent of the law.

Some of the North Carolina products on display at the Region I meeting.

Rural Electric Building Blocks

RURAL ELECTRIC financing for the future was the main topic of dicussion as rural electric co-op leaders from North Carolina north to Maine gathered in Raleigh late in October. The occasion was the Region I meeting of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

They heard Jerry Anderson say that increased power demands of the nation's rural electric systems may require them to seek funds in the private money market to supplement the existing government loan program. Anderson is acting general manager of NRECA and a former editor of THE CAROLINA FARMER.

He said that studies show that by 1980 the 1,000 rural electrics in this country will need $700 million a year to finance facilities to meet the power demands of their consumer-members. At the same time, he said, Congress is showing an increasing reluctance to authorize enough funds under the present loan program.

In addition to that program, the association is considering two additional sources of revenue: (1) an intermediate government financing plan at a higher interest rate but free of restrictions now imposed with two percent loans; and (2) a way to bring private money into the program at reasonable terms, perhaps through a Federal Bank for Rural Electric Systems.

REA Administrator Norman Clapp echoed the remarks of Anderson. He warned there is "grave doubt" that the federal government can be expected to provide the full amount of the rising future capital needs of rural electric systems.

Delegates to the meeting adopted a resolution endorsing the concepts of additional financing. Other resolutions included one commending North Carolina and Georgia co-ops for their effort in seeking open hearings on Duke Power Company's Savannah River proposals. Another resolution supported the completion of Northeast resource projects, including dams at Moore's Ferry on the New River and Trotters Shoals on the Savannah.

A highlight of the meeting was a display of local products assembled by North Carolina co-ops. The result was an insight into the diversity of our state. Clothing, furniture, foods and minerals were but a part of the display. Over 300 of the items were given away to those attending the meeting.

Eleven North Carolina co-op people were among those who received recognition at the meeting. Seven directors were recognized for completing at least six of NRECA's basic director's institutes: Albert N. Venters, Jones-Onslow EMC; Charles A. Suddreth, C. G. Collins, S. Collins Greene and Carl B. Graybeal, all of Blue Ridge EMC; Everette Koonce, Carteret-Craven EMC; and Charles Teague, Randolph EMC.

Three managers were honored for completing all seven of NRECA's management institutes: Fred Harman, Jr., Jones-Onslow EMC; Vernon E. Taylor, Roanoke EMC; and Ferrel E. Joyner, Piedmont EMC.

Special recognition went to W. C. Carlton, Carteret-Craven EMC manager, for his work in helping to start an electric co-op in Venezuela.

Poultry Success Keys

Birds of a feather flock together. This is one of the keys to the success of a Lenoir County poultry firm which is providing a home for happy hens in an atmosphere of automation and togetherness.

Jesse Thigpen's Pink Hill henhouse is something revolutionary in North Carolina's poultry industry. It is perhaps an indication that some vast changes are coming to an old, old part of agriculture.

In large measure the operation is welded together on the principle that hens like each others' company. They just like to stick together. Another key is automation—the utilization of time-saving devices which also boost quality.

When Jesse Thigpen decided to expand, he also decided to automate. The decision required a trip outside North Carolina to investigate the type equipment he thought would improve his operation. His decision had been based in part on some significant changes in equipment design.

In his words: "Sometime ago the people designing this equipment got smart and took into account a chicken's natural instinct to group together with other chickens. So they designed cages of about two feet square and put seven or eight hens in each one."

Only three months ago, Thigpen's laying house could accommodate [illegible] more than 6,500 hens. But the building, which is 40 feet wide and 250 feet long with new equipment now houses 13,200 layers. It is equipped with the only egg-gathering system of its kind in North Carolina.

[illegible] cages occupy the [illegible] house. Seven [illegible] The house [illegible] An aisle [illegible] cages and [illegible] Thus the chances that the flock may be wiped out by highly communicable diseases are also sharply reduced.

Feed trays flank each row of cages. Approximately one ton per day of feed is pumped into the trays by automatic time clock-controlled feeders.

Egg collection is one of the most interesting parts of the operation. A belt below the feed trays catches the eggs. As the hens lay them, the eggs roll out of the tilted cages onto the conveyor belt.

When Thigpen wants to collect the eggs, he simply automates the belt by turning on a switch. The belt brings the eggs to the front of the house where human hands touch them for the first time. Then the eggs are placed in baskets and taken to the washing and grading room.

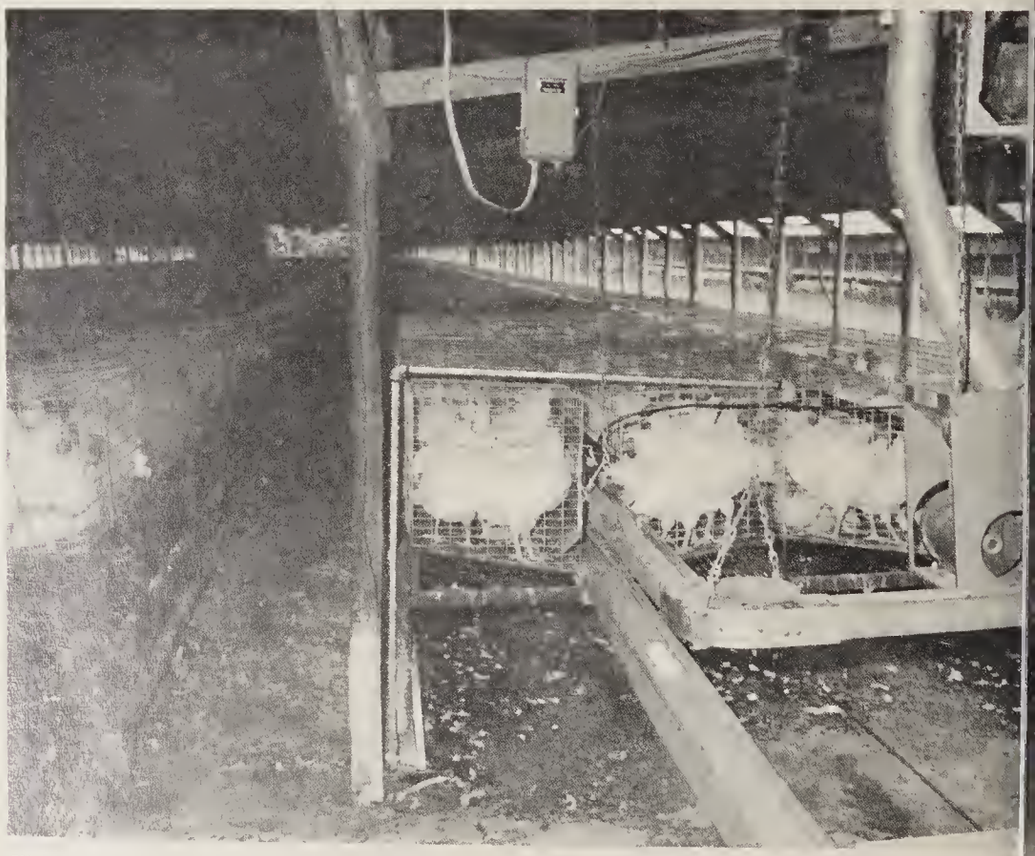
"This is the next and final step to a completely automatic system," says Thigpen. "But it takes a lot of thinking when you're considering a $40,000 investment."

Under the new system, the eggs can be gathered in approximately 20 minutes. Before it took almost an hour and 30 minutes.

"But the best part of it," Thigpen notes, "is that the eggs are much, much cleaner this way."

The eggs are placed on forms in the washing and grading room which convey them through the washer. On the way they are candled. Cracked ones or those with any kind of spot inside are automatically rejected.

The automatic process continues



There's no roving about for these hens. Always within easy reach is fresh food and water—delivered automatically.

Automation and Togetherness

even after the eggs leave the washer. Automatic equipment grades them into large, medium and small sizes. If an egg does not fit one of the three categories, it continues down the assembly line to be placed in extra large cartons. With the new equipment the firm can candle, wash, grade and crate between 120 cases and 150 cases a day. In addition to processing eggs layed by his hens, Thigpen candles, washes and grades from 200 cases to 300 cases per week for other producers in the area.

But this is only part of an unusual and interesting operation. For Thigpen also has a large investment in the marketing as well as processing of his product.

He developed his own market and says his buyers could handle three times the amount of eggs he can supply. The equipment in his marketing operation includes one large refrigerated truck for long distance hauling and a smaller truck for local pick-ups and deliveries. His two sons, Jerry and Merle, operate the trucks most of the time.

Baltimore serves as the largest market, but the Thigpens also make deliveries in nearby Kinston. They also market eggs on a commission basis for other producers in the area.

The visitor soon learns that Thigpen knows his business. He likes to talk about it. Right now he has further expansion plans which include institution of an entirely automatic system. This will involve another henhouse the same size as the one which now operates automatically. This means the number of layers in the house will double.

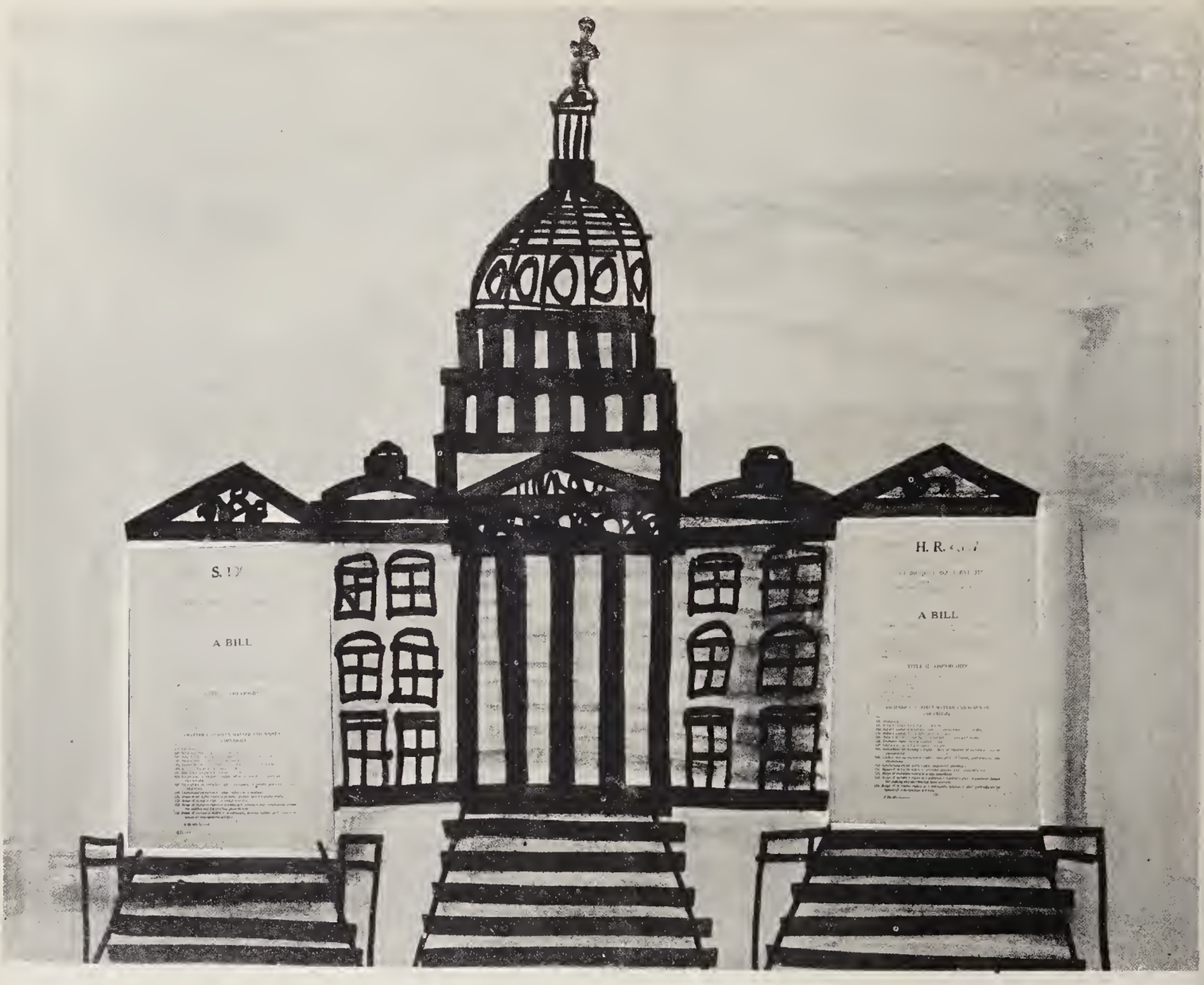
"With this system," he notes, "I can reduce my cost by about one cent per dozen. And besides that, I'll have cleaner eggs which are always more in demand than those that don't appear to be top quality."

It will cost approximately $1.42 per bird to automate the operation in the other henhouse. Thigpen, who keeps accurate records of operating costs and egg production, says the average layer has a productive life of 12 to 14 months. At this point he begins culling layers about 100 at the time. And if the theory is right, the new hens will make friends in a home where togetherness reigns in a two-foot cage. ■

By ARCHIE HATHCOCK

Mr. and Mrs. Thigpen crate eggs as they are delivered to them by nearly a half mile of moving belt.

Jerry Thigpen makes weekly deliveries to Baltimore egg markets in this refrigerated truck.



What Happened in Congress?

CONGRESS is at home. President Johnson is at his Texas ranch taking a long rest. Official Washington is in a state of pause and reflection.

Everyone concerned with the legislative process is now trying to absorb the amount of legislation [illegible] last session, find and [illegible] bills and add[illegible] the new.

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Perhaps highest on the rural electric list of priorities for future action is the bill to make clear that electric cooperatives are not subject to Federal Power Commission jurisdiction.

This bill reached the half-way point in the first session, with Senate passage in the form recommended by NRECA and its member systems. It is now in a House committee waiting to be taken up in the second session starting in January.

A bill to help rural communities establish water and sewer systems was approved by Congress in the first session. The law gives new authority for Farmers Home Administration to make loans and grants to public and quasi-public agencies, including cooperative associations, for setting up water and sewer systems in communities of 5,500 and less population.

Sen. George Aiken (Vt.), prime mover behind this bill, said it could prove as far-reaching as the rural electrification program.

On the federal power front, the first session of Congress overrode a determined effort by private power interests when it authorized the first major Federal power project for the northeastern section of the country. The project, a large impoundment on the St. John River in northern

First Session of 89th Congress Produces Major Legislative Gains

Maine, will produce 794,000 kilowatts of power. Called the Dickey-Lincoln School project, it will cost an estimated $227-million. An $800,000 appropriation for the fiscal year will get work started on the project.

Authorization of Dickey-Lincoln School came with Congressional approval of an omnibus rivers and harbors bill allocating $1.9-billion for public works projects throughout the nation. Other significant federal power projects authorized were on the Flint River in Georgia and the Cheat River in West Virginia. The Cheat River project, however, can be developed by the federal government only if the FPC denies a license to a power company which wants to build on the site.

Lost in a Senate-House conference was Devils Jump project in Kentucky. It comes up for hearings again in the next session.

The first session also passed a "Water Resources Planning Act," a bill which could prove highly significant in the long run. It will coordinate federal, state and local efforts in planning development and conservation of water and related land resources. It authorized a Federal outlay of $5-million annually for the next ten years to states for use in project planning. Funds would be matched by the states.

On the appropriations front, Senate and House agreed in the waning days of the session to a compromise REA electric loan fund of $365 million for fiscal 1966. Of the total, $60 million is to be held in contingency reserve. The REA telephone loan program was allowed $97 million, with $15 million to be held in reserve.

The electric loan fund is same as that appropriated last year. The only difference is that last year $90 million was earmarked for reserves. This year there were no new restrictions placed on the loan funds. This is a major victory in view of severe restrictions placed on the program in past years.

On other appropriation matters, the first session voted $4.3 billion to finance public works projects and fund a variety of federal agencies, including the Atomic Energy Commission and Interior Department's regional power marketing agencies. The amounts appropriated to the agencies are similar to those of recent years.

Also funded in separate bills were the Foreign Aid program which includes $5 million for development of rural electric cooperatives in South Vietnam, $1.5 billion for the Administration's war on poverty, and $1.1 billion to accelerate economic development in Appalachia.

Rural electrics and other consumer groups were heartened as Congress shelved a complicated amendment to federal tax laws which could give regulated utilities tax and rate windfalls. The proposal, however, is expected to come up again in the second session.

Rural electrics received a complete rebuff on only one major item. That was in an attempt to repeal the "Keating Amendment" on Interior Department appropriations bills. It gives power companies holding wheeling contracts in Bureau of Reclamation areas an option to block construction of Federal transmission facilities—even if those facilities would mean cheaper power for preference customers. An effort to remove that amendment in Committee was disapproved.

Rural America is also expected to gain from Congressional enactment of a new four-year farm commodity bill. Though electric co-ops take no direct position on commodity legislation, the law combines income-boosting and long-range features which will allow more stability in farm planning. ■

NORTH CAROLINA VOTING RECORDS

From the standpoint of resource development legislation in the first session of the 89th Congress, the battle surrounding the authorization of the Dickey-Lincoln School Project on the St. Johns River in Maine was considered crucial by the nation's rural electric co-ops.

The Northeastern part of our nation has the highest power rates in the nation—more than 50 percent higher than those of North Carolina. Yet that part of the nation has not been blessed with any federal hydroelectric development—it has no yardstick by which the rates of the private power companies in the area can be measured.

That's why electric co-ops throughout the country—including those in North Carolina—pushed hard for authorization of this first federal development in the Northeast.

Voting records on the project are listed below:

VOTING KEY

Y = Yes; N = No;
X = Paired Against;
O = Not Voting

ISSUE 1—Vote to amend Public Works Authorization Bill to study rather than authorize Dickey-Lincoln School Project. Favorable vote is "NO."

ISSUE 2—Vote to accept conference report on Public Works Authorization Bill including authorization for Dickey-Lincoln School. Favorable vote is "YES."

ISSUE 3—Vote on amendment to Supplemental Appropriations Bill to appropriate $800,000 for planning and preliminary work on Dickey-Lincoln School. Favorable vote is "YES."

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Cooley	Y	N	O
Fountain	Y	N	N
Henderson	Y	N	N
Jonas	Y	N	N
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Start by covering the plastic ball with tissue paper, fastening it with pins at the back. Secure a skein of yarn to the ball with pins. Then, fashion the hair-do. A red ribbon tied on the top knot adds an extra festive touch.

Now, finish the head by painting in the eyes and mouth. Sharpen the stick at both ends and insert one end into the ball.

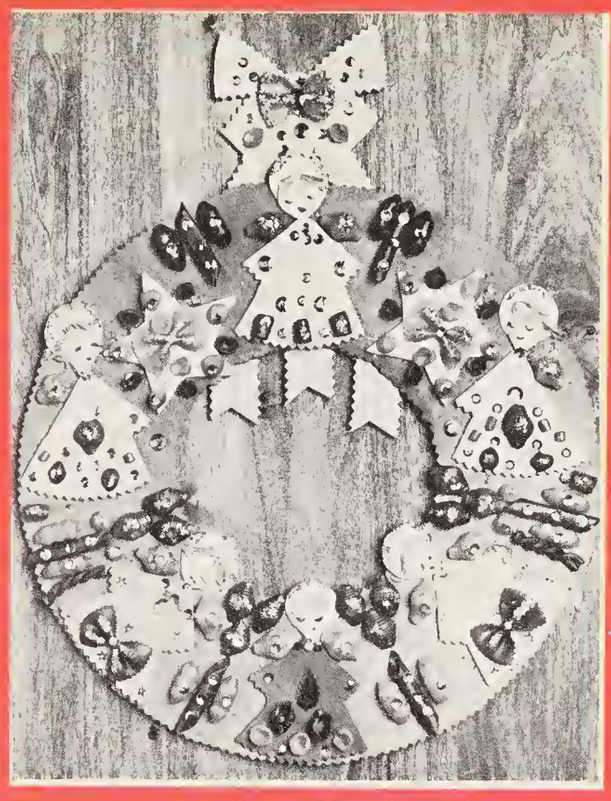
Each arm is made by rolling one page of sheet music into a cone and fastening with tape. Now, attach the arms to the stick, again with tape, about two inches below the face.

To construct the wings, fold a square of the foil (for each wing) into a triangle and crinkle it. Fasten the wings to the stick with tape between the arms and face.

The robe, also made of sheet music, is easy to construct. Using two double sheets, fashion a cone and a cylinder. Slide the cylinder part way into the cone and tape the two together. Slip both over the stick, making two slits in the robe so it will easily fit over the arms. Now, tape the robe to the stick at the angel's neck. About 3½ inches of stick should extend below the bottom of the robe.

As a final touch, wrap a strand of ornamental glass beads around the neck to hide the tape.

Insert the stick into the saturated foam flower holder that has been securely anchored in a low container. Build an "L" shape arrangement, with evergreen of various lengths. Place a cluster of pine cones near the bowl and drape a strand of gold glass beads over the greens.



MACARONI

The Chinese invented it, the Italians made it famous, but you can decorate with it

Christmas comes but once a year, but when it comes, it arrives with a bang: Gifts to buy, gifts to wrap, cards to send, halls to be decked, stockings to stuff and songs to sing.

Are you ready? Inspired? Set to go? No? Well, maybe a trip to the market, the purchase of packages of macaroni in different shapes and a few boxes of dye, a little felt here, a bit of glitter there, will give you a new Yule decoration.

Macaroni, properly dyed and molded, is a perfect decorator tool. The wreath shown on this page, for example, is an easy one to make and can be hung on a door or wall or taped to a mirror or window.

First, dye a batch of macaroni. You'll be amazed at the shapes on your grocer's shelves. Include as many of them as you wish and don't forget spaghetti. This can be twisted and turned while moist and will hold the shape when dry. Prepare a hot dye solution of one quart of boiling water and ¼ level teaspoon of all purpose dye. Stir briefly and add about one cup of macaroni. Stir for about five minutes, then remove with a slotted spoon or strainer and drain on paper towels. Spread it on waxed paper or foil to dry. It will appear darker when dry.

The next step is to cut a basic wreath shape from a heavy cardboard grocery box. After cutting the wreath, staple a short piece of string or wire at the back for future handling (this won't be necessary if you plan to tape it to glass). Cover the front of the wreath with sharp green felt cut with pinking shears. Glue down the felt with white glue.

Cut angel and star shapes out of felt. These can be simple, such as shown. To "turn" angels toward the center, eliminate the outside wing. Slip a circle of gold-sprayed paper behind the angel heads for shining halos and paste angels, halos, and stars to the wreath, again using white glue. Add heaps of dyed macaroni. Top the wreath with a bow cut out of felt. Glue the bow at the back with streamers extending into the center of the wreath.

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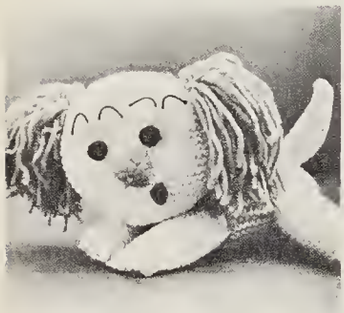

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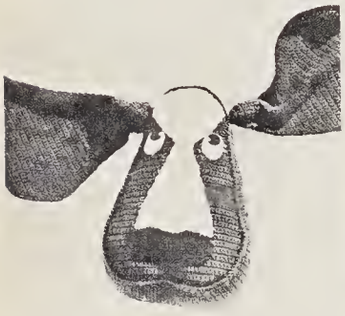

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Family FARE

By ERMA ANGEVINE

DOES YOUR rural area need small industries to furnish jobs for youngsters finishing high school? Do you need a vocational high school to offer these youngsters the skills they'll need? Do you need pre-school training to help children get ready for school so they won't drop out later on? Do older citizens in your community need something worthwhile to do? How can you involve them so they'll continue to be active and feel wanted? How can you help brides—who get younger every day—buy more wisely so they can build more stable homes? How can you help develop rural recreation for city people? Answers to these questions aren't easy, and the answer won't be the same in every community.

Rural electric systems have helped rural development for years. Much of our help has centered on industrial development. Only a few years ago, for example, the area around Savanna, Ill., was listed as "depressed." People living there resented the term.

They set up Carroll County Resources Development Board to study how to keep the county from going further downhill. All of the communities in the area joined forces in a cooperative effort. The people worked to get their county off the "depressed" list.

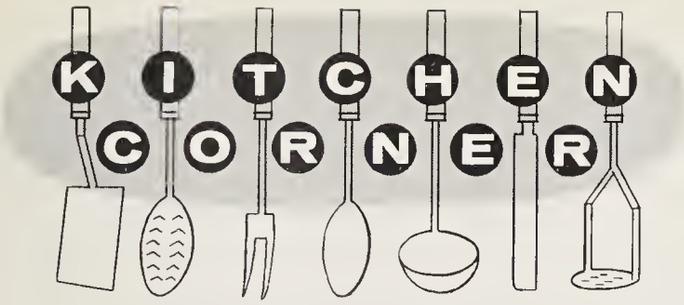
They selected the theme "Carroll County—One Great Community." They worked to get new industry and to get jobless workers into jobs. They didn't borrow much money, but they asked several government agencies to list Carroll County as a "good place to find people to hire."

Industry moved to Carroll County. The people set about to develop recreation along the Mississippi River. Bankers, teachers, government workers, rural electric members—all of the people of the seven communities in Carroll County—worked together to reshape attitudes in this rural area. It's no longer considered "depressed." It now has less unemployment than the national average.

The town of Chama, N. Mex., has 30 new homes, a new shopping center and more business. The Rio Arriba County Development Committee helped the town get new water and sewer systems. They built a city recreation center, laid paved streets and improved their fire and police protection. They are helping reverse the decline of rural America.

Rural electric members deserve a lot of credit for this reversal. They are often the only group with modern office and meeting facilities in the area.

Rural electric men and women aren't afraid of partnership with government. They believe it's right to use the tools of government to get people back on their feet, back to sharing in the community.



A HOLIDAY SALAD

"Strong hands to weak, old hands to young, around the Christmas board, touch hands."

—William Henry Murray

Mrs. Robert Franklin Humphrey, Burgaw, sends an appropriate pink and pretty salad recipe this month to illuminate the Christmas boards. The Christmas Salad is one of her favorites, and she is anxious for other homemakers to try it.

"I look forward to the *Kitchen Corner* each month," writes Mrs. Humphrey, "because my hobby is collecting recipes." We are happy that she added: "Some of my favorites have come from THE CAROLINA FARMER."

The Humphreys, who have been married only one year, are building a gold medallion home which will be served by Four County Electric Membership Corporation. They enjoy fishing and golfing and are learning to play bridge.

If you have a favorite recipe you'd like to share through this column, send it to: The Carolina Homemaker, Box 1699, Raleigh. Tell us something about yourself and family, and the name of your electric membership corporation. We pay $2 for the recipe chosen monthly for this column.

CAROLINA FARMER RECIPE

Submitted by Mrs. Robert Franklin Humphrey, II
Burgaw, North Carolina

CHRISTMAS SALAD

- 2 packages strawberry gelatin
- 2 cups boiling water
- 2 10-ounce packages frozen strawberries
- 1 small can crushed pineapple
- 2 large ripe bananas, mashed
- 1 pint sour cream

Dissolve gelatin in water; add berries, stirring until thawed. Add pineapple and bananas. Pour half of mixture into 8 x 8 x 2 dish. Chill until firm. Spread cream over chilled gelatin; pour on remaining gelatin. Chill until firm. Cut into squares; serve on lettuce.

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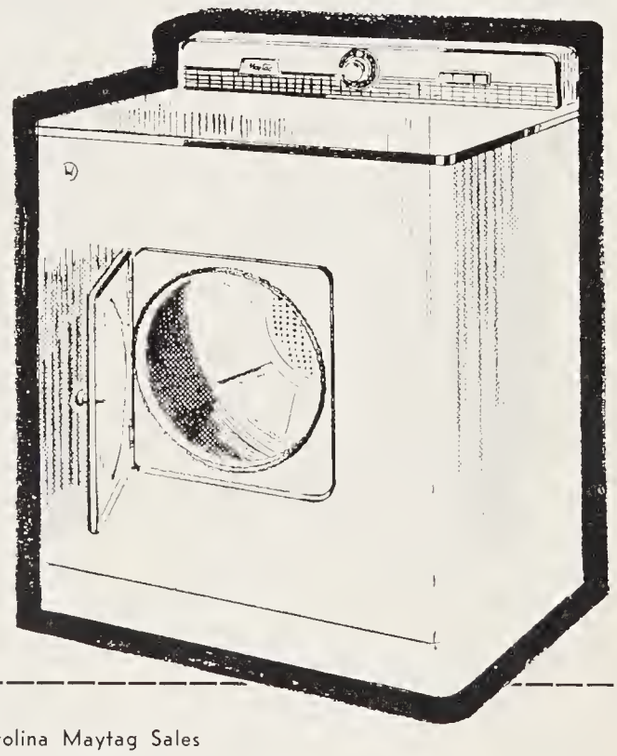

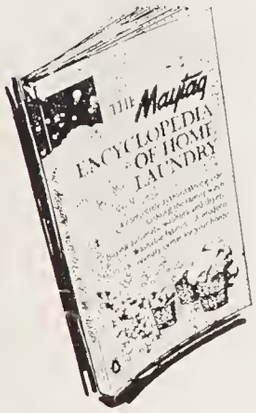

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Grange Honors Co-op Woman

The North Carolina State Grange at its annual convention this fall expressed vigorous support for two of the most pressing proposals confronting the nation's rural electric cooperatives.

The organization also awarded one of its highest honors to one of North Carolina's pioneers of rural electrification, Mrs. Lucy Smith, a director of the Lumbee River EMC at Red Springs. She was recognized as Grange Woman of the Year for 1965.

The Grange approved two resolutions supporting far-reaching proposals for rural electrification. One involved new methods of financing which probably will be considered sometime next year by Congress. The other expressed support for the cooperatives' "resistance to the Federal Power Commission's recent claim of jurisdiction" over them. The second resolution also recommended that administration of the Rural Electrification Act remain in the hands of the Department of Agriculture.

The financing resolution expressed support for the cooperatives' "study to find new sources of supplemental, private financing to meet the rapidly increasing demand of their members for electric power.

"At the same time," the resolution continued, "we recognize that many REA-financed cooperatives serve thinly-settled areas and are not yet able to provide service at rates on a parity with those of urban people. For such systems, we urge the Congress to continue to make available REA loans at the present two per cent rate."

Illness prevented Mrs. Smith from attending the awards ceremony. She was cited for helping to "improve the level of living throughout her country."

Mrs. Smith, who became a widow early in life, helped found the Lumbee River cooperative.

In announcing the award, Mrs. Harry B. Caldwell, State Grange master, noted that Mrs. Smith found time to rear a family, operate a farm and still "found time to work for every cause which she felt was essential to the welfare of her people . . . When the cooperative was being organized, she traveled over her county soliciting memberships on her own time and expense."

She is the only member of the present board of directors who served when the cooperative was organized in 1941; and has attended every board meeting in the 25 years since the first meeting.

Mrs. Smith is a past Grange Master and presently serves as lecturer of the Hoke County Pomona Grange.

"I feel confident," Mrs. Caldwell said, "that Miss Lucy may be counted upon to continue to provide the inspiration and support in all of those areas of service which make for better rural living."

During the convention, Tarheel Electric Membership Association sponsored a luncheon for Grange youth. It was attended by approximately 85 persons. ■

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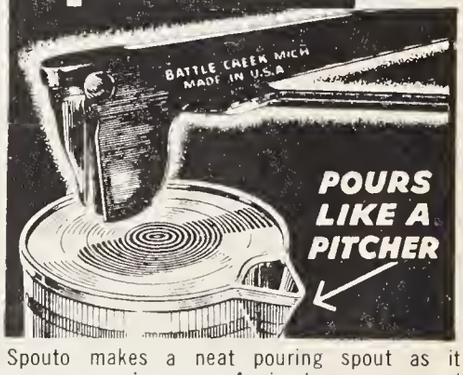

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The Pretties

By WILTON ROWE

Gail Griffin of Rt. 3, Snow Hill, eyes "Old Mack," once the most tricky of all raccoons. Now rendered harmless by a taxidermist, "Old Mack" is one of 40 'coons caught last year by Corbett.

The game warden was concluding his remarks to a class in a Greene County public school. He'd been talking about coons, one of the most cunning beasts in the wilds.

"If you want to know anything more about raccoons, just ask Mr. David Corbett," he added as an afterthought. It was perhaps the best advice he could give. For much of what David Corbett knows about coons probably couldn't be found in any encyclopedia in print. Corbett, you see, has long been recognized as the champion coon hunter in this eastern North Carolina county.

Knowing him as I do, I suspect his second choice to a good hunt is telling about it afterward. I'm not much of a coon hunter myself. But I am a willing listener who enjoys an armchair hunt as much as Corbett enjoys matching wits and stamina with a ring-tail on a cold winter night.

Not long ago, my fireside hunting partner and I settled down in a couple of easy chairs and the conversation quickly turned to his favorite sport. He seemed unaware that I had broached the subject. He also seemed unaware that I was taking notes.

"I've been a 'coon hunter just about all my life, and I'm 58 years old now," he answered for the record. Writing, I was unsure of the word to use. "I'd say they're c-o-o-n-s—not raccoons, not 'apostrophe' coons," he laughed. "Now

Sound

David Corbett and part of last season's catch. The dog, named Drum, is a registered red bone hound. Corbett is vice president of Pitt and Green EMC.

farther east—down around Morehead City—they say 'raccoon' but in our part of the country they're just plain old 'coons,'" he advised me.

David Corbett loves 'coon hunting because the 'coon has at least an even chance. "There is more real sport in it than any other kind of hunting," he declares, "because you've got your hands full when you try to outsmart a 'coon. Catching the 'coon is one thing, but the real thing about 'coon hunting isn't catching the 'coon, but listening to the dogs as the 'coon's trail gradually changes from cold to hot.

"It's the prettiest music I've ever heard, and that's the reason I'll be a 'coon hunter as long as I can walk," vows a man with 50 years experience following his hounds on cold, dark nights. He likes to hunt on cold, dark nights. Damp or dry weather, it makes no difference, he contends, "because a good dog can smell a trail either way." A good 'coon dog is either a red bone or a blue tick; a red bone is the best tree dog. . . . I like a dog with a good broad head and heavy build (75-85 pounds) a good nose, and plenty of sense," says the 'coon hunting champ. Corbett has owned 10 or 12 prize dogs, some worth $500 and more.

A good 'coon dog loves to hunt and he has to be a pretty smart fellow to keep up with the 'coon. 'Coons will sometimes climb a tree and then jump out, landing at a distance from the tree. A not-so-smart dog is likely to bark up the tree all night—while the tricky old ringed-tail goes his merry way! Dogs seldom catch a 'coon on the ground; it's up to the hunter to get him out of the tree.

Corbett, who lives near Snow Hill, brought home 40 'coons last season, the fewest he has ever caught. He recalls that in 1961 he caught 96. There are fewer 'coons now even though there are probably less hunters, sportsmen say, and they attribute this partly to the fact that trappers are now interested in selling 'coon skins.

Corbett, who hunts more for the sake of hearing "the pretty music made by the hound dogs than for getting the 'coon," says "the meat tastes all right to me, but my wife won't cook it."

Mrs. Corbett contends that she "is a 'coon hunter's widow," and says she'll tolerate her husband's being out all night chasing 'coons "because he's been a 'coon hunter too long to stop now—but I won't cook the things for him!"

The 'coon hunting champion of Green County intends to be a 'coon hunter as long as he can walk, and there's something else I'd like to reveal about him, too. I asked him, thinking we'd possibly have to keep the answer in the family: "Come a cold, dark Thursday night, Old Drum is eager—the perfect night to hear some pretty music—but it's also Thursday night board meeting time at Pitt and Greene Electric Membership Corporation. What happens then?" "Check the records," he challenged me, and I did.

David Corbett had never missed a board meeting in the seven years he has served. Some things are more important than even the prettiest music! ■

Teen-Agers Want Parents Who Love and Understand Them

"I want my parents to respect me for what I am rather than what I could be. I want their pride in me to be able to endure my failures, knowing each time I did my best. I want their advice on all matters and then I want them to trust me to make the final decision for myself. But most of all, I want their love."

Carol Garner
Rt. 1, Beaufort

Carol is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leighman L. Garner who are members of the Carteret-Carven Electric Membership Association. She is 16 years old and a junior at East Carteret High. Basketball is her favorite sport.

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"I think that what teen-agers want most from their parents is understanding. Understanding is the key to a bond that is never broken between a teen-ager and his parents."

Susan Ellen Morris
Rt. 1, Troy

Susan likes reading, playing the piano and sports. She is president of her 4-H Club. She is 13 years old and an eighth-grade student at Troy Elementary School. Her parents are served by Randolph Electric Membership Corporation.

"Teen-agers need love and understanding from their parents. When they know that someone really cares for them they feel that they can do almost anything."

Debbie Taylor
Coats

Debbie is 15 years old. Her parents are members of Pamlico-Beaufort Electric Membership Corporation. She is a member of the Library Club and the Future Homemakers of America at Coats High School.

"I feel that every teen-ager truly wants love, trust and understanding more than any other thing from their parents. A little time to talk things over with parents in a calm way helps to solve problems that suddenly occur and provides reassurance and self-confidence for the teen-ager."

DeLaney Holmes
Shallotte

DeLaney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert L. Holmes, are members of Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation. He is an eighth grade student at Shallotte High School.

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"I think what teenagers want most from their parents is their love and a successful relationship with them. Successful relationship means that parents make some effort to understand the problems of their teen-ager and try to respond frankly to them."

Regina Robinson
Magnolia

Regina, 17, is a senior at E. E. Smith High in Kenansville. Her favorite subject is English. She likes to read and write short stories. Her parents are members of Four County Electric Membership Corporation.

Teen ROUNDTABLE

If you have a good answer, send it to **THE TEEN ROUNDTABLE**, The Carolina Farmer, P. O. Box 1699, Raleigh, N. C., at once. Send a photo, too, if you have one, (we can't return it) and a few facts about yourself. Include your parents' name, and the name of the electric membership corporation serving you. If your answer is published, we will send you $5.

If you want to submit a question send it along for our statewide panel to answer. For each question used, the sender will get a $5 check. Jot yours down and send it to us right away.

NEXT QUESTION

"Should parents always know where the boy and girl are going on a date?"

This month's question was submitted by Dennis Beaver of Rt. 1, Wingate. Dennis is 15 years old. He is a sophomore at Forest Hills High School and a member of the Future Farmers of America. He likes football and basketball. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Beaver, are members of Pee Dee Electric Membership Corporation.

AROUND THE HOUSE *by Archie Hathcock*

Don't Let a Mistake Char Your Christmas

The not-so-good old days of the flame-decorated Christmas tree are gone. Electric lights have replaced candles.

Electric lights are safer. We wish we could say they are completely safe, but they are not. They are only as safe as you make them. Here are a few basic rules to follow when you trim your tree:

Check old strings of lights carefully for cracked sockets, cracked connections and frayed wires. If badly damaged, throw out.

- If a connection disconnects easily, tape it tightly.
- If you buy new lights, buy only UL-approved lights.
- If you must keep a string of lights with frayed cord, tape the frayed wires carefully—and separately.
- Leave no empty sockets. Little fingers may explore.
- Mount sockets so bulbs will not touch foliage, paper or cotton.
- Place cords out of traffic areas and DO NOT run cord under rug to keep it out of traffic.
- Disconnect lights at outlet when not in use. DO NOT leave lights on when asleep or away.
- Mount tree in stand that holds water and add water every day.
- Don't leave the tree up until Easter. Take it down when it gets dry, and take it out, don't burn it in the fireplace.
- For outdoor lighting, buy only UL-approved outdoor lights. Outlets, cords, plugs, and bulbs should all be weatherproof.
- Cover outdoor cord connections with plastic and keep them out of water.
- Warn children to keep hands off lights, indoors or out. Warn them loudly.

If in some other publication you read safety precautions not printed here, heed them. Think up some of your own and heed them too.

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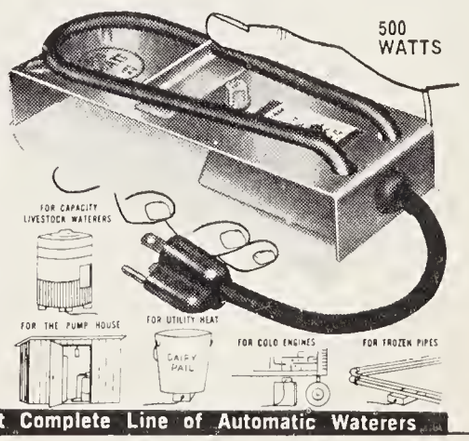

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Name Change

An Indian petitioned the judge of an Arizona court to give him a shorter name. "What is your name now?" asked the judge.

"Chief Screeching Train Whistle," the Indian said.

"And what do you want to shorten it to?" asked the judge.

The Indian folded his arms and grunted, "Toot."

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Obedient Dad

Mother sought to improve the behavior of the children by offering a reward each Saturday for the most obedient member of the family during the week.

"Shucks! That's not fair," young Oscar complained. "Daddy will win every time!"

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Unpaid Bait

They had been married just two weeks and he was going through a batch of mail that had arrived that morning.

"Honey," he said, "aren't these bills for clothes you bought before we were married?"

"Yes, darling," she replied. "You're not upset about it, are you?"

"Well," he replied, "don't you think it's a bit unfair to ask a fish to pay for the bait he was caught with?"

"Then I says to her, '$14.95 for some little old lights out there in the front yard? Why, for that money I'd dress up like Santa Claus and . . .'"

HaLE!

Too Much

An old woman handed a stamped parcel to a post office clerk and asked him to weigh it. He told her that she had put too many stamps on it. "Good heavens!" she exclaimed. "I hope it won't go too far."

Working Teacher

The second grade teacher saw that her pupils were curious about the envelope the school secretary had given her. "That's my pay check," she said.

"Why Miss Smith," replied one girl, "I didn't know you worked anywhere."

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Stolen Car

A woman telephoned the police to report that thieves had been at work on her car. "They've stolen the steering wheel, the brake pedal, the accelerator, the clutch pedal and the dashboard."

The Police sergeant said he would investigate.

Then the police phone rang again. "Don't bother," said the same voice. "I got into the back seat by mistake."

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Bedtime Chores

The local reporter had just asked the great-great grandfather the principal thing he had learned about children. After searching his memory, the man replied, "I've learned that any kid will do a job for you if you ask him at bedtime."

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One Word

New steno to experienced friend: "Is waterworks one word or is there a hydrant in between?"

Don't [illegible]--I'm a Beagle."

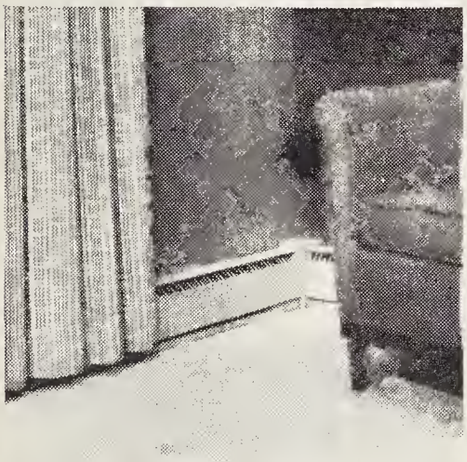
"Eat your dinner so you'll grow up to be big and husky, like your mother."

THE MODERN WAY TO HEAT

One of these ELECTRIC HEATING methods is best for you

Baseboard units simple to install: Ideal for re-modeling or new homes

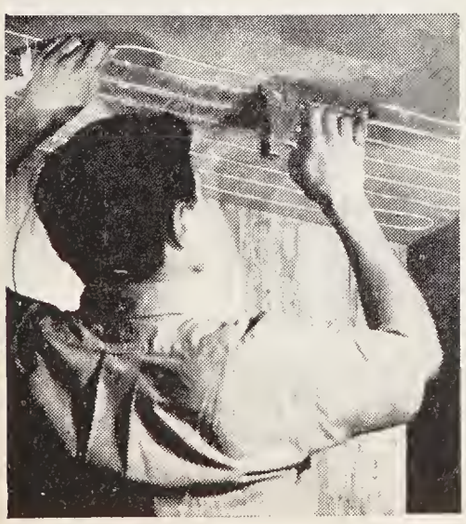
There's no fuss or bother when you install Electric Heat. The job is done quickly and economically. That's because there are no expensive chimneys or duct work. Baseboard and wall units are ideal when you re-model. They can be installed as easily and quickly as a light outlet — no mess, no bother.



Most importantly, you'll be treating your family to a new level of comfort and convenience. The temperature is controlled in each individual room. Electric Heat is as quiet and as safe as a light bulb; no flames or fumes to worry about; no smoke or soot to dirty your home.

Ceiling cable system is invisible

Ceiling cable makes decorating and furniture arrangements easier because all the heating elements are hidden in the ceiling. Furniture can be placed anywhere because floor or wall space isn't needed for the heating units. Ceiling cables are stapled to plaster laths or dryboard and then covered by plaster or dryboard. The heat radiates down . . . just like the sun shining from above.



Thermostats control the temperature in each room so you always have the most comfortable degree of warmth. Ceiling cable is safe, clean and the most convenient way to heat your home.

Many folks install it in the bathroom floor. Feels wonderfully warm and cozy to barefeet on wintry nights!

Heat pump for year-around climate control

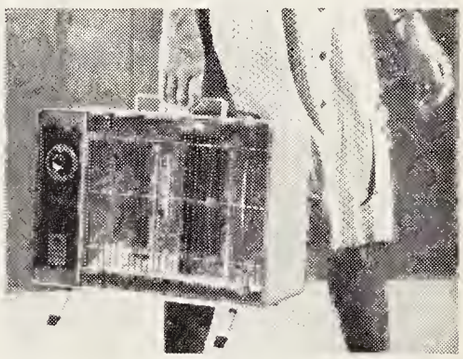
A heat pump is both a heating and air conditioning system. During the winter, it heats your home; in the summer, the cycle is reversed and your home is cooled. This gives you real "climate-controlled" living. You merely set the thermostat for the "climate" you want and relax to enjoy all the comforts of total-electric living.

Installation is slightly more expensive than other heating systems but much less than the cost of two separate systems for heating and air conditioning. A heat pump costs less to operate than other separate heating and air conditioning systems, too.

Plug in extra warmth with an electric heater

Portable electric heaters are great when you want to heat small areas in a hurry or provide extra warmth on special occasions. Many folks use them in work shops or in basement areas.

They're particularly welcomed on cold mornings to "take the chill" out of the bathroom. Senior citizens find them wonderful to give a little extra heat for their added comfort.



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Whether you build or re-model, discuss your plans with the Heating Specialists at your rural electric cooperative. They have experience and ideas because they've helped so many families with problems just like yours. Proper planning of a few details, such as installing adequate insulation, will make a big difference that can save you money and make your home even more comfortable.

There's no cost or obligation. Call or visit your rural electric cooperative soon!

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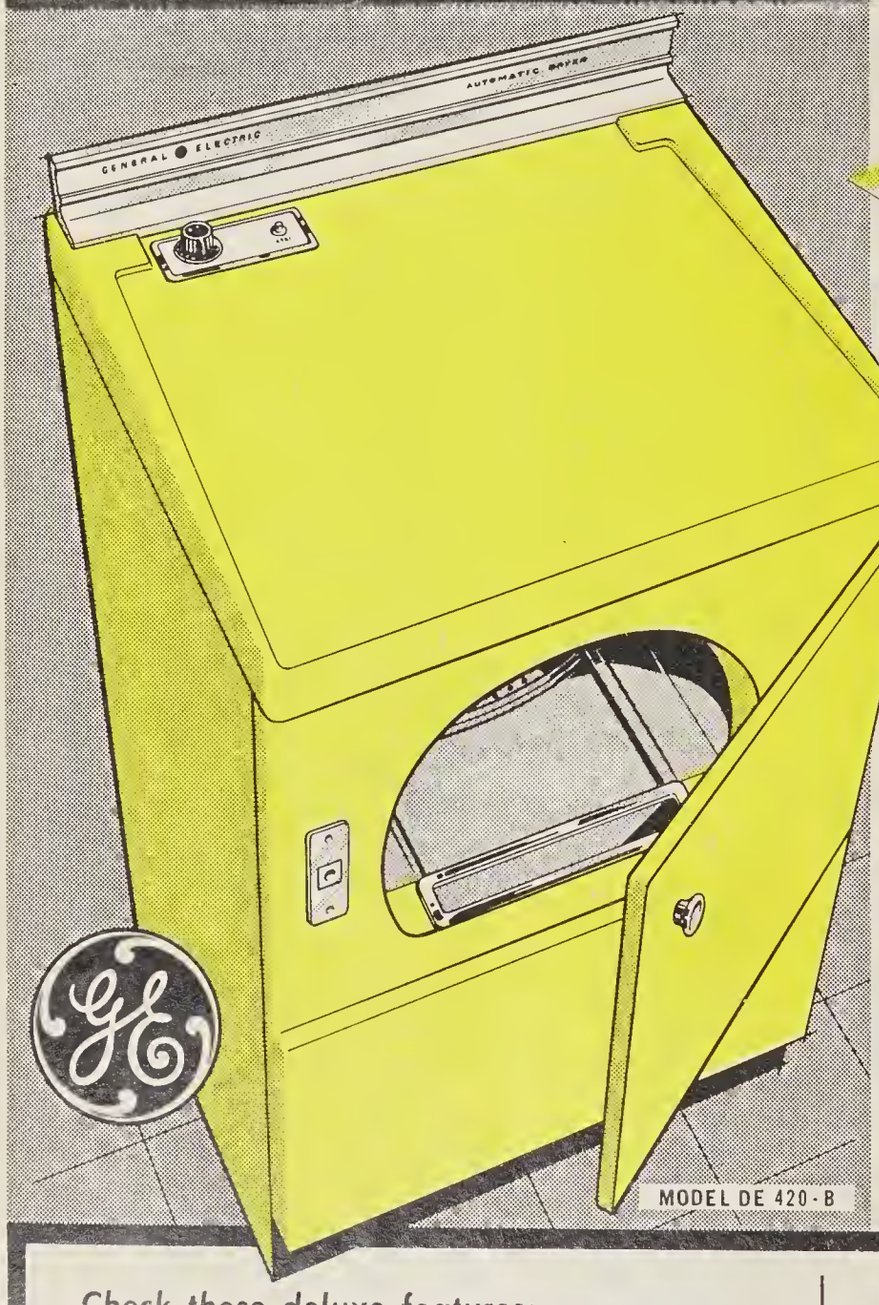

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